

NEWSLETTER

CRAWLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Another year has flown by. Let's hope 2020 starts with better weather than we had last year. It seemed everything was planted later than planned, and the weather claimed the life of some of my plants.

Our show secretary, Anne Overton has had to step down this year due to work commitments. Thank you for all your hard work.

I would like to welcome her replacement, Helen Partridge. I am sure she will do a marvellous job.

The usual big thank you to all our shop helpers who are an invaluable help. Another thank you to all the committee members who give up so much time and work very hard behind the scenes to give our members a great choice of products at great prices.

We are always in need of shop volunteers. If you can help, please enquire in the shop

BARRY MORTON

TRADING REPORT

Welcome to the very wet new season. Hopefully it will dry out soon and we can get ready for a great productive year on the allotments and in our gardens. Usual composts available and Jacks magic was very popular last year.

End of January we will have our seed potatoes, onion sets and shallots available in the shop. Usual bulbs, corms and dahlias when in season. Don't forget our usual selection of seeds @20% discount.

JOHN GREEN

SHOW REPORT

Hello there. Happy New Year to you all.

My name is Helen, and I have taken over as the new Show Secretary. I do hope I can do as well as my predecessors. Wish me luck!

This year we have made quite a few changes to the show schedule. As the Floral Group are sadly due to disband, we have decided to add some Vegetable, Fruit and Domestic classes to the Fuchsia show in July. So you now have even more opportunities to show us your growing /baking skills.

Last year we saw an increase in both members of the public viewing the show exhibits along with new and old society members entering the various shows. Your support for our shows is vital for their success. Why not have a go and enter just one of the classes in one of the shows - you never know you could win either First, Second or Third prize and it may just give you that "Show Bug"!

Please don't forget while you're at the show you can enjoy a lovely cup of tea or coffee and sample one of the tasty pieces of cake (or two), which have been very kindly baked and donated to the show by one of our wonderful members, all served to you by our lovely volunteers. You could also be lucky by winning a prize in our raffle - donations for this are always welcome.

HELEN PARTRIDGE

See next page for dates

2020 SHOW DATES

SPRING SHOW	SATURDAY 4TH APRIL	1:30 - 4:PM
ALPINE SHOW	MONDAY 20TH APRIL	8PM - 10PM
PELAGONIUM & GERANIUM SHOW	SATURDAY 20TH JUNE	1:30 - 4:PM
SUMMER SHOW	SATURDAY 20TH JUNE	1:30 - 4:PM
FUCHSIA GROUP SHOW	SATURDAY 25TH JULY	1:30 - 4:PM
VEGETABLE & FRUIT SHOW	SATURDAY 25TH JULY	1:30 - 4:PM
AUTUMN SHOW	SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER	1:30 - 4:PM

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty - seventh annual general meeting of the society will be held in the society hall on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 7.45 pm prompt.

Refreshments will be served after close of business. Please stay and have an informal chat with your committee. Your views are appreciated for the benefit of all.

JEANNETTE ALLEN

HALL HIRE

The hall is available for hire on an agreed basis at very competitive prices.

We hold meetings, shows and private functions. Various organisations book regularly, such as West green W.I, Olive branch, cat protection and others. Coffee mornings are held to raise money for St Catherines house & Macmillan.

All enquires for hall hire, please contact

GRAHAM JONES

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GROUP PROGRAMMES 2020

FUCHSIA, PELAGONIUM & ALPINE GROUP

(Third Monday of every month at 8:PM)



The amalgamation of the two groups seems to be working well. We continue to have guest speakers and workshops throughout the season. Speakers are hard to come by and expensive. We have been very lucky thanks to Dee.

Hopefully we can encourage more people to come along this year.

Look forward to seeing you soon

JOHN GREEN
(07813720090)

BONSAI GROUP

(Third Thursday of every month at 8:PM)



Want to become a member of our group? We are happy to share expert knowledge with beginners and others. Look forward to seeing you there.

BARBARA ELLIOTT
(01293 542312)

BRIDGE GROUP

(Every Monday at 1:30 PM)



New members are always very welcome. Do come and see us. We look forward to seeing all our group and some new faces in 2020.

BERYL MAKINSON
(01293 402868)

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROUP

(Second Monday of every month at 8:PM)

I was talking to a chap the other day about the fruit & veg group. He said that he would like to come, but wasn't interested in the shows we have. I assured him that showing wasn't compulsory, but was just for a bit of fun. In fact, you could look on it as another gardening tool, one to measure how well you are doing and the amount of different crops you can grow. I try to enter as many classes as I can, which means I grow enough to get my 3,5,7 or how many it is a day, and let me tell you, I don't always succeed, but I learn and keep trying. The main thing about the group is that we get together and share our experiences, our success and failures. We all have different soils and conditions to grow in. We don't all grow the same thing or variety.



You will read a lot about super foods. You can grow a lot of them in your garden or allotment. Blackcurrants are just as good as blueberries. Easy to grow and hard to find in shops. I also grow purple carrots, red cabbage, beetroot, onions and garlic e.t.c. All super foods and the colours are good as well.

A lot of people have small gardens, but you can grow in pots, up fences, in-between flowers or a windowsill. Even a few herbs is a start, and great in your cooking.

If you are thinking of giving it a go but don't know where to start, then come along and talk to us. We can point you in right direction. Hope to see some more new faces this year.

ALAN HOLBROOKE

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PLANT SALE



Saturday 16th May 2020. 9.30 - 12.00 Noon Sunday 17th May 2020. 9.30 - 12.00 Noon

BULB SALE



Saturday 29th August 2020. 9.30 -12.00 Noon
Sunday 30th August 2020. 9.30 -12.00.Noon

CHS CALENDAR 2020

JANUARY	Sunday 12th	Shop re-opens sundays	09.30 - 12:00 Noon
	Monday 13th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Monday 20th	Fuchsia, Pelargonium &	8.00 PM
	Thursday 23rd	Alpine Bonsai	8.00 PM

FEBRUARY	Monday 10th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Monday 17th	Fuchsia	8.00 PM
	Thursday 20th	Bonsai	8.00 PM
	Thursday 27th	A.G.M	7.45 PM SHARP

MARCH	Saturday 7th	Shop reopens Saturdays	09.30 - 12:00 Noon
	Monday 9th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Monday 16th	Fuchsia	8.00 PM
	Thursday 19th	Bonsai	8.00 PM

APRIL	Wednesday 1st	Shop reopens Wednesdays	6.30 to 8.00 PM
	Saturday 4th	Spring show	1.30 to 4.00 PM
	Monday 13th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Monday 20th	Alpine	8.00 PM
	Thursday 23rd	Bonsai	8.00 PM

MAY	Monday 11th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Saturday 16th	Plant sale	09.30 - 12:00 Noon
	Sunday 17th	Plant sale	09.30 - 12:00 Noon
	Monday 18th	Fuchsia	8.00 PM
	Thursday 21st	Bonsai	8.00 PM

JUNE	Monday 8th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Monday 15th	Fuchsia	8.00 PM
	Thursday 18th	Bonsai	8.00 PM
	Saturday 20th	Summer & Pelargonium show	1.30 to 4.00 PM
	Wednesday 24th	Last opening Wednesdays	6.30 to 8.00 PM

JULY	Monday 13th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Monday 20th	Fuchsia	8.00 PM
	Thursday 23rd	Bonsai	8.00 PM
	Saturday 25th	Fuchsia Show	1.30 to 4.00 PM

AUGUST	Monday 10th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Monday 17th	Fuchsia	8.00 PM
	Thursday 20th	Bonsai	8.00 PM
	Saturday 29th	Bulb sale	09.30 - 12:00 Noon
	Sunday 30th	Bulb sale	09.30 - 12:00 Noon

SEPTEMBER	Saturday 5th	Autumn show	1.30 to 4.00 PM
	Friday 11th	Wisley coach trip	Times T.B.A
	Monday 14th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Monday 21st	Fuchsia	8.00 PM
	Thursday 24th	Bonsai	8.00 PM
	Saturday 26th	Last Saturday opening	09.30 - 12.00 Noon

OCTOBER	Monday 12th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Monday 19th	Fuchsia	8.00 PM
	Thursday 22nd	Bonsai	8.00 PM

NOVEMBER	Monday 9th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Monday 16th	Fuchsia	8.00 PM
	Thursday 19th	Bonsai	8.00 PM

DECEMBER	Sunday 6th	Last trading of 2020	09.30 - 12:00 Noon
	Monday 14th	Fruit & Vegetable	8.00 PM
	Monday 21st	Fuchsia	8.00 PM

JANUARY	Sunday 10th	Shop reopens Sundays	09:30 - 12:00 Noon
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ARKWRIGHT'S ARCHIVE

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100 litres Irish moss peat	£4.50
John Innes 1/2/3	£2.70
3K Bone meal	£2.15
3K Growmore	95p
3K Blood/fish/bone	£1.55

BARRY MORTON

VOLUNTEERS!!!!



We are in dire need, more than ever, in getting some more helpers to keep the shop open on Saturday AND Sunday mornings. We have lost 6 helpers from last year due to various reasons and it is looking hard to have enough people to open both days in the weekend, and if we can't get anyone, it could affect our future opening days. If interested, Please pop along to the shop and enquire.

As usual, a big thank you to all the regular shop helpers and all the committee members who give up so much time, and work very hard behind the scenes to give our members a great choice of products at great prices.

NEWSLETTER

We have helped keep the cost down a lot, by printing in house, and also people are printing it themselves from the website so we haven't had to print as many last year. We print more through the year when we get low, so there is always a hard copy available from the shop.

If anyone wants something in the newsletter, please contact me.

CAROLINE MORTON

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WEBSITE

www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our website is full of information about becoming a member, and has forms you can download and bring into the shop when you want to join. It has loads of information and links to other interesting sites

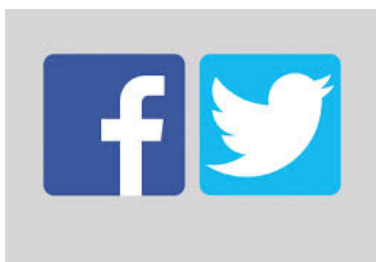
The site will keep you up to date with all the coming shows, quizzes, coach trips and group meetings. We hold coffee mornings for Macmillan and St Catherines hospice. Posters will be on website when we know dates.

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FACEBOOK & TWITTER



Come and check out our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Like the website, it has lots of information about when the shows are on, when there is a trip planned by coach, and our quiz nights and charity coffee mornings.

HELEN GREEN

bergreen2003@yahoo.co.uk

CONTACT DETAILS

Due to the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) we need your permission to hold your personal details. We can't keep your name, address, phone number or e-mail without your consent. Consent forms are available for signing in the shop. Even if you have been with us for years it still needs to be done. Sadly, without it, we can't contact you directly about things that may be of interest.

When you first join, or re-new, please give us an up to date e-mail and remember to let us know if you change it, or move address. We promise that all information is safely stored, and only the membership secretary and his assistant have access. We do not pass on your details to anyone, not even other members of the society.

Like the newsletters, we are trying to do more via e-mails for those that have given us their permission and what interests they have. For example, if you have told us you are interested in quizzes, we will email you when we know we have one

E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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EXTRA INFORMATION



BRITISH AIRWAYS FUN RUN

This year it will be held on Sunday 10th May, so due to road closures on the day we will be shut.

We apologise to all our members

WISLEY COACH TRIP

Will be on Friday 11th September

Departing CHS carpark at 9 am, and leaving Wisley at 4.30 pm

Ticket prices available nearer to date



THE NATIONAL CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY

Will be holding their shows at the C.H.S hall on

Saturday 26th September (2.30 pm - 4.30 pm)

Wednesday 18th November (2.30 pm - 4.30 p

IN MEMORIAM

DAVID VIVASH

Sadly, Dave Vivash died in July after a long illness. Dave was a keen grower and exhibitor known by many and one of our regular judges. He will be missed by many

PETER
ARMSTRONG



Peter sadly passed away, aged 89. He was a very keen gardener since he came to Crawley in 1956.

He was our treasurer for many years, and was still an active member of the committee right up to the last day. He will be sorely missed by all.



CHS SHOP

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OPENING TIMES

SUNDAYS	12th January until 6th December	9:30am - 12 Noon
SATURDAYS	7th March until 26th September	9:30am - 12 Noon
WEDNESDAYS	1st April until 24th June	6:30pm - 8 pm

NEW MEMBERS

The CHS policy for recruiting new members is by word of mouth by you. If you know anywhere we can advertise please contact editorial, so we can make some flyers for wherever it is. Pass the word about the benefits of being a member to your family and friends.

We also have CHS gift vouchers for our shop that make great presents for that special occasion.

Membership price is a bargain at just £4.00 for one year or £14 for four years. These prices have not gone up in years

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st

Please renew as soon as possible. This can be done in the shop, or you can post to the shop

F.A.O Graham Jones, Membership Secretary